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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 5603

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January 30 34.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 255 of January 25,1934, regarding the Austrian artist Ernest B. Halpern.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No. 255.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 5603
Date 30/1/34

SHANGHAI, 25 January 1934.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of 4 January 1934, No. 22, concerning Ernest B. Halpern, I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram from the Immigration Service at Batavia to the effect that objections exist against his entry into Netherlands India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chinese Secretary.

T. P. Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Council,

SHANGHAI.

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Extract from :- North China Daily News

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Jan. 15th. 1934.
No. D 5603
Date 15/1/34

THE etchings of Mr. Ernst B. Halpern which have been on exhibition at the Shanghai Art Club, 583 Avenue Joffre, will be on view to the public to-day for the last time from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., as Mr. Ernst B. Halpern is leaving on Tuesday, January 16, on the ss. General Lee for Manila.

MR. ERNST HALPERN'S EXHIBITION

An Artist's Conception of Tour Round the World

When the wanderlust grips an artist capable of recording his impressions in etchings of unusual merit, the result is bound to be fortunate for those interested in art. Mr. Ernst Halpern, who is financing his way around the world with his versions of Spanish bull-baiting, Mexican life, Monterey, the American desert, Palestine, Egypt, Monaco, and various other points of artistic and historic interest, is the etcher at present exhibiting at the new studio of the Shanghai Art Club, 583 Avenue Joffre. Continuing through to-day and to-morrow, the exhibit marks the formal opening of the new studio and offers an excellent opportunity of Shanghai's art patrons to view a most cosmopolitan journey through the artist's eyes.

Unquestionably, enthusiasts will find much to interest them in the work of Mr. Halpern, which universally betrays an appreciation for design, in some instances achieving outstanding success in composition. The connoisseur will, without doubt, be attracted by a delightfully-done view of the square at Mexico City, as well as by the delicate studies of pueblos and desert scenes. Remarkably intricate is "Monterey," which commands admiration in the American series. Mr. Halpern's treatment of a Nile boat justly demands attention with its unusual arrangement of sails.

When it is realised that each study was accomplished in the midst of globe-trotting that has carried the artist half around the world, his work becomes the more interesting in its technique. His "Matador" in the bull-baiting set, done in the manner of Goya, is noteworthy for its strength and boldness, while the fourth and final moment in the series, depicting the spent bull at the instant of pitching forward in death, is extremely compelling in its action. Palestinian subjects display an excellent feeling for composition, design, and perspective. Indubitably, the artist favours realism, though occasionally his interpretations are touched with romanticism, and delight in a tansparency of atmosphere that is self-evident. He readily escapes the charge of tiresome repetition, and has varied his subjects with an alert eye for the picturesque.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 56083
Date 8/1/934

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January 8 34.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.22 of January 4, 1934, and to state that there is nothing in the Police records against Ernest B. Halpern, an Austrian artist.

Halpern is at present residing in the China United Apartments. He earns sufficient money by etching and drawing to cover his living expenses, but he has only a very small bank account.

The Austrian Consul, Mr. H.L. Ockermueller, does not consider it advisable to assist Halpern to leave Shanghai until it has been ascertained that he has paid his hotel bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JR

for Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,
Netherlands Consulate-General.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 5603
Date 5/1/34

Date January 5, 1934

Subject (in full) Ernest B. Halpern, Austrian artist.

Made by D.P.S. Lingard *Forwarded by* D.I. Ernest

The above named Austrian subject is at present residing in the China United Apartments. He earns sufficient money by etching and drawing to cover his living expenses, but beyond a very small bank account he has no other income.

No record of the name Halpern appears on any of the Police records.

The Austrian Consul, Mr. H. L. Ockermueller, does not consider it advisable to assist Halpern to leave Shanghai until it has been ascertained that his hotel bills have been settled with.

D. P. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D 5603.
Date 5/1/34

No. 22.

SHANGHAI, 4 January 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that one Ernest B. HALPERN, an Austrian artist, who lives on the sale of his etchings, intends to visit Netherlands India.

x No previous record in C.I.S.B. Reg. ABB

Halpern arrived here recently from Peping and Tientsin. It is doubtful whether he has sufficient means of subsistance.

I should be much obliged to you if you would kindly inform me, in case anything is known against him from a point of view of politics or morals. If I do not hear from you, I may take it that he has not so far come to your notice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Chinese Secretary.

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D.P.S. Lingard.
For report please
6/1/34.

T.P.Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch, S.M.P.
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